

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison
Company (U-338) for Approval of Economic
Development Rates.

Application 04-04-008
(Filed April 5, 2004)

SCOPING MEMO AND RULING OF ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER

On April 5, 2004, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed Application (A.) 04-04-008 seeking approval of three Economic Development Rate (EDR) options. These are discount rates which are expected to provide incentives for commercial and industrial customers to retain or to expand their operations in California or to attract commercial and industrial customers to SCE's service territory. Each EDR option would provide eligible customers a discount that declines from 25 percent to zero over a six-year period. The Office of Ratepayer Advocates and other parties protested. A prehearing conference was held on June 15, 2004.

1. Scope of the Proceeding

This proceeding will address the following issues:

- a. Is there a need for EDRs?
- b. What customer group(s) should be eligible to apply for EDRs?
- c. What are the requirements of eligibility?
- d. Are direct access customers eligible to apply?
- e. Does EDR as proposed discriminate against direct access customers?
- f. What protection is needed to prevent free ridership?

- g. Are the benefits of the EDR program sufficient to meet the public interest?
- h. What is the appropriate method to calculate contribution to margin?
- i. Should caps be placed on the amount of EDR participation?

2. Consolidation

This proceeding is consolidated with Pacific Gas and Electric Company's EDR application A.04-06-018.

3. Schedule

The parties have agreed to the following:

ORA's and intervenor's testimony	September 15
All parties' rebuttal testimony	October 5
Conference call for all parties to determine order of witnesses and estimated cross-examination times	October 13
Hearing dates (commence at 10:00 a.m., State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California)	October 18-21, 25-26
Projected submission date	December 17, 2004

Any request for final oral argument before the Commission shall be made at the time opening briefs are filed.

Resolution of this application is expected by March 2005.

4. Category of Proceeding

This is a ratesetting proceeding and a hearing is required.

5. Assignment of Principal Hearing Officer

Administrative Law Judge Robert Barnett is the principal hearing officer.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated August 30, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CARL WOOD
Carl Wood
Assigned Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Scoping Memo and Ruling of Assigned Commissioner on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 30, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

Ke Huang

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